

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-04

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USCINCEUR FOR ECJ4/7

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MASS, NO  
SUBJECT: ODC OSLO PERSONNEL STATUS

REF: A) AMEMB OSLO 2512 DTG 271225Z MAY 77

1. BY REF A THE COM OF THIS MISSION INDICATED THAT COL J.R. NIEMELA, USAF WAS WELCOME AS PROSPECTIVE CHIEF ODC. THIS APPROVAL WAS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION AS INDICATED IN PARA 3 REF A THAT HE WOULD RELIEVE CAPT PAGE AS CHIEF ODC UPON CAPT PAGE'S DEPARTURE.

2. CAPT PAGE HAS SINCE REQUESTED RETIREMENT AS OF 15 AUG 77 OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE TO EFFECT EARLY RELIEF. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE USN BUREAU OF PERSONNEL IS HOLDING CAPT PAGE'S REQUEST FOR RETIREMENT IN ABEYANCE PENDING IDENTIFICATION OF A RELIEF, AND RELIEF MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL JAN 1978. FURTHER, THE USN WILL GIVE EMBASSY CHOICE OF GAPPING BILLET ONCE RELIEF IS IDENTIFIED.

3. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED TO OUR SURPRISE IT IS INTENDED THAT COL NIEMELA RELIEVE CAPT PAGE ON 15 AUG 77 AS CHIEF ODC WHETHER OR NOT PAGE HAS LEFT.

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4. IN VIEW OF THE LENGTH OF TIME CAPT PAGE HAS SERVED AS CHIEF OF THE ODC, HIS DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN THE JOB, THE CONTACTS HE HAS ESTABLISHED WITH HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS AND HIS SENIORITY, WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE DESIGNATION OF ANOTHER OFFICER AS CHIEF OF THE ODC UNTIL CAPT PAGE HAS DEPARTED THIS POST. SUCH AN ACTION

IS CERTAIN TO PROVE PERPLEXING TO THE HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS  
AND DISRUPTIVE TO MISSION AND ODC OPERATIONS.

5. IN VIEW OF ABOVE THE MOST DESIRABLE COURSE OF ACTION  
FROM EVERYBODY'S POINT OF VIEW WOULD BE THAT COL NIEMELA  
ASSUME DUTIES OF CHODC UPON CAPT PAGE'S DEPARTURE,  
WHATEVER DATE THAT PROVES TO BE, AND THAT CAPT PAGE'S  
RETIREMENT BE PROCESSED TO BE EFFECTIVE ON OR ABOUT  
15 AUG 77, WITH USN RELIEF AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE  
THEREAFTER. YOUR CONCURRENCE IS REQUESTED.  
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